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The humble ADDRESS *of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled. Die Martis, 21 Januarii, 1728 9.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to offer the humble and hearty Thanks of this House for Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to congratulate Your Majesty upon the safe Arrival of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This Happiness is owing to your Majesty's paternal Affection, and affords the highest and most peculiar Honour to this House, and a great Satisfaction to all good Subjects. The communicating to us the present Situation of publick Affairs, the giving all the Satisfaction concerning them we could reasonably desire, and the tender Concern your Majesty is pleased to express for the Suspence in which the Affairs of Europe are still held, and the Temporary Inconveniency to us, which of necessity must attend it; are fresh Instances how much your Majesty has at Heart the Welfare of your Kingdoms.

However doubtful the Event of the present Negociations may prove, which your Majesty has laboured with so much Prudence, in Concert with your Allies, to bring to an honourable Conclusion, we must with great Satisfaction observe, that our present State of Uncertainty will soon be determined, your Majesty having been pleased to declare your Opinion, in Concurrence with the most evident Desires of all your faithful Subjects, that it is necessary to insist upon a speedy and certain Decision of this important Transaction. This is a Measure now become essential to the Interest of our Country, and will convince all those who have promoted these Delays, or have had the high Presumption to impute them to your Majesty's Conduct, that the Sceptre of *Great Britain* is in the Hands of a Prince, as little capable of being amused as intimidated.

We are fully sensible, that a generous and compassionate Regard for the Ease and Happiness of your Subjects, could alone have prevailed upon your Majesty to be hitherto patient under these dilatory Proceedings: For if this undetermined State has been detrimental to the Interest of your Kingdoms, and if it has laid any Burden on your People, it must necessarily have raised a high Resentment in your Majesty, the Guardian and Father of them.

But if, contrary to Your Majesty's Wishes and our own, that Justice and Satisfaction, so long delayed, cannot be obtained by amicable Measures, if the Patience of Your Majesty and Your Allies should be abused, and if the only Way to Peace should be by an Appeal to Heaven in a just and necessary War, we shall with the greatest Chearfulness and Zeal support Your Majesty in the Prosecution of it, and enable you to carry it on with Vigour, in Conjunction with Your Allies; we have this Comfort, if a War unavoidably must happen, that it will be kindled at a Time, when the Reputation of the Arms of *Great Britain* cannot suffer any Diminution.

The Alliance in which Your Majesty is engaged, being founded upon common Interest, and strengthned with reiterated Marks of mutual Fidelity, will, we hope, effectually defeat the wicked Designs of your Enemies, who by false and malicious Insinuations, would either create Diffidence among the Powers so united, or mislead Your own Subjects into unjust Opinions of the Conduct of Your Majesty's Allies.

It appears evident, that nothing could more encourage the Courts of Vienna and Madrid in their present Delays, than if Hopes have been given from hence of creating Discontents and Divisions among us, and of a prospect of seeing Difficulties arise at home: But whatever have been the various

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and ſecret Machinations of ſome few, who through Envy and Ambition, may have debaſed themſelves ſo far, as to act in concert with the meaneſt and moſt treacherous Diſturbers of the State; we hope, that by their continual Diſappointments in their pernicious and unnatural Deſigns, they will themſelves deſpair of being able to bring Diſtreſs upon their Country, even though they ſhould by Artifice, and the Lenity of the Conſtitution, almoſt daily abuſed, eſcape the infamous Puniſhment due by the Laws of the Land to ſuch Crimes. We entirely depend upon Your Majeſty's Conſtancy and Steadineſs (Vertues ever inſeparable from a great Mind) that no wicked and groundleſs Suggeſtions or Inſinuations will alter your preſent Purpoſes, or induce your Majeſty to give Ear to fluctuating Counſels; and we ſhall endeavour to convince the World, that no artful Deſigns or Intrigues ſhall change that Affection and Harmony, which has been, and we are confident, ever will ſubſiſt, between Your Majeſty and Your Parliament.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Jan. 23.

Hague, Jan. 18. We have received from Madrid, an Account of a Project which was formed to remove all the Objections of the Court of Spain towards finiſhing the Work of Peace. This Project was calculated principally to ſooth the Queen of Spain, and to humour her in the Point ſhe has moſt at Heart, viz. the aggrandizing of her Son Don Carlos; and the Expence of it would have fain principally upon one Power, which has been at moſt of the Charge already; and tho' the Queen is ſaid to have come into it, yet the Spaniards who were conſulted, could not be prevailed upon to give their Opinions in its favour, becauſe they did not think the Honour of Spain ſufficiently conſidered in it, which they ſeem to have more Regard for, than the particular Intereſt of Don Carlos. And this, we are told, is the firſt Time the Queen has miſcarried in any Thing ſhe endeavoured to puſh; ſo that the Negociations are like to take their uſual Courſe.--- Some of our Politicians are not ſorry it miſcarried; for they have a Notion, if it ſhould divide Spain from the Empire, it would probably occaſion an Alliance betwixt the Emperor and another Power, which might give as much Trouble to this State and another of the Allies of Hanover, as the Treaty of Vienna has done.

From the Daily Poſt-Boy, Jan. 23.

Madrid, Decem. 30. We have received Advice from Melilla in Africa, that the Moors had opened their Trenches before that Spaniſh Town upon the Side called *La Vega*, from which they very much gall'd the Workmen employed in repairing the Cover'd Way; but in the Night between the 29th and 30th paſt, Don Alphonſo Guevera Vaſconelles the Governor, made a Sally at the Head of his Gariſon and 150 Workmen, drove the Moors out of their Trenches, and ruined their Works before they could make any tolerable Reſiſtance; ſo that they were no longer in a Capacity to hinder the Entrance of Shipping, or hinder the Progreſs of the new Fortification.

Cologn, Jan. 25. This Day the Drum was begun to beat, to raiſe Men for the Service of his Imperial Majeſty.

From the Evening Poſt, Jan. 23.

Cologn, Jan. 13. We learn from Caſſel, that Preparations are making there for the Reception of the King of Sweden; and that the Levies go on with Succeſs.

Paris, Jan. 30. The King is now perfectly recovered of his late Indiſpoſition, and goes regularly to Maſs. Her Majeſty intends very ſoon to pay a Viſit to her Parents at Chambord, who are in good Health.

Our laſt Letters from Madrid are of the 30th ult. when nothing was talk'd of there but Preparations for the Court's Departure for Badajoz. To which Place, ſeveral Detachments of Horſe and Foot were ſent before; and the Duke of Bournonville is gone at the Head of his Company: So that he is not like to return ſoon to his Charge of Plenipotentiary.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 26.

Since our laſt arrived 2 Mails from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

THE Advices from Madrid ſay, they were in the utmoſt Impatience there for the Arrival of the Galle-

But as to the Negociations of Peace ... nothing yet certain concerning them; ever it was reported that the Duke de Bourville, in a late Audience he had with the King, ... ſented the Neceſſity of coming to an Agree... it with Great Britain. And 'tis believed his ...eſty, before his Departure for Badajoz, would ...ſpatch an Expreſs to France with his laſt Reſo...tion thereupon. Mean time if you'll Credit what ... wrote from Barcelona, they continue to make ...reat Preparations of War at St. Andero; and to ...ork with the utmoſt Diligence in the Ports of Biſcay, in order to ſet out next Spring a formidable fleet to Sea. That the Court had given Orders for a good Number of Troops to march towards Gallicia.

By the French Mail we are told, that each Regiment of Cavalry in that Kingdom, will be augmented with three Troops.

The Uncertainty of Peace or War, muſt oblige us to the ſame Expences that we have been at for ſome Years paſt, with reſpect to the Number of Forces, &c. And People ſeem generally inclined, to a War, rather than continue in this doubtful and uncertain State; which has occaſioned great Diminution in our Trade, and Scarcity of Money. But, by what is inſerted in his Majeſty's Speech, and the Addreſſes of both Houſes of Parliament, it is not to be imagined, that the Nation will be kept much longer in Suſpence.

We have to add to the Debates, That Sir Robert Walpole ſaid he doubted not, but when the Negociations of Soiſſons came to be laid before the Houſe, they would be better underſtood than at preſent. And as to what had been ſaid againſt the Adminiſtration; if any Gentleman would move for a Day to be appointed to conſider of the Conduct of the Miniſtry, he himſelf would ſecond the Motion; and that what Papers were moved for, ſhould be laid befor the Houſe. That Mr. T--ſon in his Speech, took Notice of the Aſperſions that had been caſt on the Government, and made ſome Quotations from the *Craftſman*.

Hereupon Mr. Pultney ſaid, That tho' he always took pleaſure to hear that Gentleman ſpeak, particularly on publick Affairs, yet he believed that Gentleman had improved himſelf from that Paper.

'Tis talked that a Bill be brought into Parliament this Seſſions, to extend the Bankruptcy Act, out of Trade, as well as in Trade; by which the Effects of ſuch Perſons, Members of Parliament not excepted, ſhall be liable to pay their Debts; but the Perſons of any ſuch as ſhall become Bankrupt, ſhould not be touched, unleſs in Cauſes of Concealment.

The Lords did nothing Yeſterday, except receiving Appeals from the Courts of Equity in England, Scotland and Ireland, and appointing Days for hearing them; and ordered the Biſhop of Cheſter to preach before them the 30th Inſt. and the Rev. Dr. Young before the Commons.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. Kelburn was preſented by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, to the Rectory of St. Mary Alderney; and Biſhop Landaff will be tranſlated to the See of Peterburrow.

The Rev. Dr. Egerton, Biſhop of Hertford, and Dr. Dowey, Son to the Lord Viſcount Down, bids fair to ſucceed in the Deanry of Windſor.

'Tis diſcourſed, that the Earl of Cheſterfield will come over hither in the Spring, to be created a Knight of the Garter; and that his Majeſty, who was on Thurſday Night with the Prince at the Maſquerade in the Haymarket, has wrote a Letter with his own Hand to the Earl of Stairs, at his Seat in Scotland.

A Memorial has been preſented to the Lords Juſtices of Ireland, ſhewing that 4000 Proteſtant Families have lately left the Kingdom; and that 20,000 more had declared they would tranſport themſelves next Spring to America,

His Majeſty, in Anſwer to the Commons Addreſs, thanks them for the Aſſurances they had given him, of their Concurrence and Support of his preſent Engagements.

From the Evening Poſt, Jan.. 25.

Hague, Febr. 1. The States General have ordered a State of their Marine for the enſuing Year to be laid before them. And 'tis ſaid that ſeveral Men of War will be put in Commiſſion the next Spring.

They write from Berlin, that the King of Pruſſia was ſtill recruiting his Forces.

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Edinburgh, Jan. 30. On Tuesday last the Honourable Magistrates of this City, imprisoned and fin'd several Meal mongers, for using false Weights and Measures, bad Grain, and otherwise grinding the Face of the Poor.

This Day it is High Water at Leith at 11 aclock 8 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 11, 56 Min. On Saturday, at 12, 44 Min. Full Moon Saturday next at 10 at Night.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†*† 'Tis hereby advertised, That any who may have Pretence of Debts or otherwise, from the Estate of the deceast GEORGE TAYLOR, (and have not already given in their Claims) that they must, at or before the 1st of April next, give in their Demands to Mr. Laurence Wybrands, Attorney on the Heer-Graght Amsterdam; failing of which, Dividends and Payments will be made according to Law, as is usual in Estates manag'd under Inventaries.

S That there is (immediately) to be sette or sold, a LODGING at Inveresk, Yard, Orchyard, and 10 Acres of Land inclosed with a Stone and Lime Wall, presently possessed by the Relict of General Maitland. The House, being 3 Storeys, has 17 Fire-Rooms, 16 Closets, 4 Garrets and Pantries, a Pump-well at the House, with Brewhouse, Stables, Lofts, Coach-house, and all other Office-houses. There is in the Park, a Well and Pond, a Stable, Byer, and Hay-loft, all very convenient for one or more Families. Enquire at Archbald Maclauchlan Merchant in Edinburgh, in Fowlis's Close, near the Fountainwell, or at the Shop of Mr. Alexander Symmer Bookseller in the Parliament Close.

¶*¶ The Lands of CORSLATS, lying on the South-Side of the Town of Linlithgow, consisting of 21 Acres of arable Ground, belonging to the Heirs of the deceast Baillie Rae in Canongate, holding Feu of the Earl of Hopton; Are to be exposed to publick voluntary Roup, together or in Parcels, in the House of Thomas Main Postmaster in Linlithgow, upon Tuesday the 11th of February next, between the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The Conditions to be seen in the Hands of the said Thomas Main, and Robert Alison Writer, at his House opposite to the Main-Guard, Edinburgh: Where also the Rights and Progress of the Lands may be seen.

*** That the voluntary Roup of the Lands of CARKERDO, is again prorogued to Friday the 14th February next, when the same will be disposed of without further Delay to the highest Bidder, in the *House* of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of three and four of the Clock in the *Afternoon*. The free Rent of the Lands is about eighty Pounds Sterling. They have a convenient Dwelling-house thereon, lately built, consisting of seven Fire-rooms with Garrets, and all necessary Office-houses, hold Taxtward of the Crown for Payment of twelve Pound Scots yearly for Ward and Non-entry, the like Sum for Relief, and thirty six l. for the Marriage; lying within the Parish of Ceres, at two Miles distance from the Firth of Forth, and three Miles from Cowper in Fife, within a convenient Distance from Coal and Peat. The Rental of the Lands, Progress of the Writs and Articles of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Close.

¶¶ To be sold by Roup to the highest Bidder, at Thornhill in the Shire of Drumfries, upon the 16th of February next, a large WOOD of fine old OAK Timber, growing upon the Barony of Keir, about 7 Miles from the Town of Drumfries. The Conditions to be seen in the Hands of John Dalrymple of Waterside, at his House near Thornhill, or John Neilson of Chapel, at his House in Drumfries, or Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laun-market, Edinburgh.

Exchequer-Chamber, 7th January, 1729.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable BARONS, for the adjudged Creditors on the forfeited Estate of James Home late of Ayton, to appear before Them on the 23d Instant, to object, if ought they have to say, why Anne Countess Dowager of Hume should not be allowed out of the Purchase-money of the said Estate given in by her, the Annuity and Arrears adjudged to her thereout by the late Commissioners and Trustees Decree, bearing Date the 8th Day of October 1722.

W. BOWLES. Dep Rem. Reg.

¶¶¶ For the Encouragement of Merchants and Shipmasters dealing in COALS: These are advertising, That my Lord Sinclair's Coals at Dysart are to be sold from and after the Term of Candlemass next, at Four Pound Five Shilling Scots per Dozen, in place of Four Poudd Ten shil. as formerly; with all Dispatch, and good Measure given.

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N. B. The 4th Quarter of the 9th Year commenced the 25th Instant; so 'tis expected all who are furnished with this News-paper, will pay up their bygone Arrears and current Quarter, as they expect to be punctually served.